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SUBJECT: JEWISH EMIGRATION

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1. MOSCOW JEWISH ACTIVIST SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF JULY 22 THAT ALL MOSCOW JEWS (ABOUT 20 IN ALL) IMPRISONED BEFORE AND DURING PRESIDENT'S VISIT HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED. JEWISH ACTIVISTS VITALIY RUBIN AND MIKHAIL AGURSKY WERE LAST TO BE RELEASED ON JULY 6. (CONGRESSMAN DRINAN HAS INQUIRED ABOUT LATTER, AND DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INFORM HIS OFFICE -- REFTEL A.)

2. SOURCE SAID THAT THOSE IMPRISONED HAD BEEN GIVEN NO INDICATIONS THAT THEIR CASES MIGHT BE RESOLVED FAVORABLY, BUT THAT, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY HAD BEEN TREATED RELATIVELY WELL BY KGB. THERE WERE SOME EFFORTS MADE TO CONVINCE THEM TO DROP THEIR ATTEMPTS TO EMIGRATE, AND SOME HINTS THAT IF THEY DID SO, THEY MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO

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WORK IN THEIR SPECIALTIES AGAIN. SOURCE SAID THERE ARE

FEW INDICATIONS OF ANY INCREASE IN EMIGRATION FLOW, ALTHOUGH AS USUAL THERE WERE UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMORS TO THIS EFFECT. (ONE RUMOR IS THAT AEROFLOT HAS BEEN TOLD TO PUT ON EXTRA FLIGHTS DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IN PREPARATION FOR MASS EMIGRATION.) SOURCE SAID LOCAL JEWS FELT THAT AUTHORITIES WOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH LINE THAT DESIRE FOR EMIGRATION AMONG JEWS HAS DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY AND THAT APPLICATIONS DRYING UP. IN THIS RESPECT RECENT U.S. DELEGATION WAS TOLD BY USA INSTITUTE STAFFER THAT GOVERNMENT ONLY HAD 600 TO 700 MORE APPLICATIONS FROM JEWS WISHING TO LEAVE AND THAT AFTER THESE HAD BEEN PROCESSED ONLY ISOLATED CASES WOULD REMAIN.

3. SOURCE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT WELFARE OF JEWISH PRISONERS MENTIONED REFTEL B, EXCEPT THAT HE HAD HEARD THEY PLANNED A HUNGER STRIKE FOR EARLY JUNE. STOESEL

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